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**Local Roads & Streets Council**  
**Advisory to the Wisconsin Secretary of Transportation**

## New WisDOT Executive Assistant Chris Klein to serve as LRSC liaison



The Wisconsin Department of Transportation's (WisDOT's) newly-named Executive Assistant Christopher Klein will serve as the liaison between the Local Roads and Streets Council (LRSC) and the WisDOT Secretary's Office. Klein is assuming the responsibilities formerly held by Randy Romanski, who recently accepted a new position as Governor Jim Doyle's Deputy Chief of Staff. Prior to joining WisDOT, Klein worked as executive assistant for the state Department of Regulation and Licensing (DRL).

"Strengthening partnerships and inter-governmental cooperation has never been more important," Klein said. "The LRSC is a perfect example of how state and local governments can work together in ways that benefit our transportation system, while supporting our regional and statewide economies. I look forward to continuing the progress and the strong working relationship that exists between the council and WisDOT."

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*Frank Busalacchi, Secretary,  
Wisconsin Department  
of Transportation*

## Message from WisDOT Secretary Frank Busalacchi

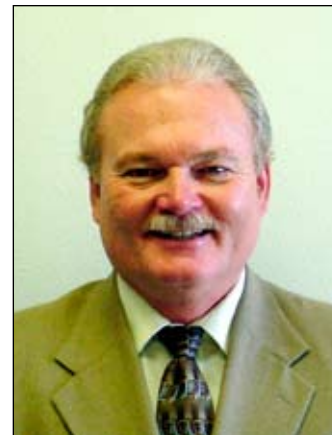
*WisDOT's structure has changed;  
level of services will not*

As many of you likely know, WisDOT is implementing a department-wide reorganization and efficiency plan that focuses on three key initiatives: centralizing administrative services; creating regional field operations with consistent boundaries; and allocating staff to best meet the needs of customers.

The overall goal is to increase responsiveness and accountability to our customers. This is achieved by improving internal coordination, enhancing fiscal oversight and control, while downsizing management. The many public and private partners our department works with regularly will notice several key changes to the "new" WisDOT structure:

- A new Division of Transportation System Development (DTSD) that consolidates most highway project development functions at both the central office and regional levels. This new division replaces many

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*Don Kush, Council Chair, Senior  
Planner, West Central Wisconsin  
Regional Planning Commission*

## Message from LRSC Council Chair Don Kush

On June 23, several members of the Local Roads and Streets Council and I had the honor of representing the Council in receiving a commendation award from Governor Jim Doyle recognizing the 10-year anniversary of the LRSC partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT). The commendation was presented to not only recognize the longevity of this unique partnership, but to acknowledge the accomplishments that have resulted from the dedication, hard work and cooperative spirit embodied in the Council's membership. While this commendation was to pay tribute to the Council's work, I would also like to acknowledge and commend the WisDOT representatives who have worked to foster that cooperative spirit and have contributed immeasurably to the accomplishments of

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the Council. Congratulations to all who have worked on behalf of the Council in achieving this major milestone.

In addition to reaching the Council's 10-year anniversary, I would like to note the achievement of another Council milestone: the release of the 2002–2004 Biennial Report. The biennial report highlights the work activities of the Council, and its committees over the past two years and summarizes both its accomplishments and work still in progress. I encourage you to visit the LRSC Web site at: <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/localgov/lrsc/index.htm> to learn more about the LRSC and its activities.

Since the release of the 2002–2004 Biennial Report, a new direction has been taken concerning the integration of the WISLR and PASERWARE data management systems as tools in the development of pavement management strategies. Due to the on-going incompatibility difficulties with the two independent systems, a decision has been made by UW–TIC and WisDOT representatives to discontinue development of PASERWARE 3.0. Instead, UW–TIC and WisDOT programmers are moving forward to fully develop WISLR's pavement analysis capabilities and to incorporate a multi-year budget-planning tool. Once completed, WISLR will provide a single platform for local road data and pavement management analysis. Notices have already been sent to local officials informing them of this change and of the expected completion date in September 2005.

This decision should come as welcomed news to local officials who have been waiting on the integration of the PASERWARE and WISLR systems to help them with their pavement management investment planning. The shift to a single software program will economize the level of effort and technical training previously required to maintain proficiency with the pavement management tools. It will also eliminate the confusion over the different roles of the PASER road rating system, the PASERWARE pavement management software, and the WISLR local road data management system. Expanding the pavement management capability of WISLR will eliminate many duplicative data analysis functions and provide a more stable analytical program for continued use in the future.

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of the functions of the previous Division of Transportation Infrastructure Development (DTID).

- A re-aligned Division of Transportation Investment Management (DTIM) will provide a stronger multi-modal focus. The division will include air, rail, transit and water programs along with multi-modal planning and programming functions. Consultant contracting and auditing will also be housed in DTIM.
- WisDOT's former eight district offices have been consolidated into five regions with consistent boundaries for the State Patrol, Motor Vehicles and the new DTSD.
- Core financial services will be consolidated into the renamed Office of Policy, Budget and Finance.

While many of the department's top managers have retained their positions, the reorganization has resulted in some new faces in new places. All of our department's out-state office locations remain the same, along with our central office in Madison. However, with the department moving from eight transportation districts to five regions, some of our partners may find themselves working with different people. Here's an overview of the five newly-reconfigured regions within the new DTSD along with key contacts:

### Southeast Region

*Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Walworth, Washington, and Waukesha counties*

- **Dewayne Johnson**, Director  
(262) 548-5884
- **Reggie Newson**, Operations Manager  
(262) 548-5903

### Southwest Region

*Columbia, Crawford, Dodge, Dane, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Juneau, La Crosse, Lafayette, Monroe, Richland, Rock, Sauk and Vernon counties*

- **Joe Olson**, Director  
(608) 785-9026
- **Rose Phetteplace**, Operations Manager  
(608) 246-3801

### Northeast Region

*Brown, Calumet, Door, Fond du Lac, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Oconto, Outagamie, Marinette, Sheboygan and Winnebago counties*

- **Mike Berg**, Director  
(920) 492-5643
- **Will Dorsey**, Operations Manager  
(920) 492-5684

### North Central Region

*Adams, Forest, Florence, Green Lake, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Marquette, Menominee, Oneida, Portage, Price, Shawano, Vilas, Waupaca, Waushara and Wood counties*

- **Dan Grasser**, Director  
(715) 365-3490
- **Jerry Mentzel**, Operations Manager  
(715) 392-7927

### Northwest Region

*Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Buffalo, Burnett, Chippewa, Clark, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Jackson, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Rusk, Sawyer, St. Croix, Taylor, Trempealeau and Washburn counties*

- **Don Gutkowski**, Director  
(715) 836-2891
- **Jerry Mentzel**, Operations Manager  
(715) 392-7927

WisDOT's reorganization effort seeks to retain the multi-modal focus and wide-ranging services that customers have come to expect. At the same time, recent state budget challenges required our agency to re-evaluate its core responsibilities, identify efficiencies and put positions in the proper areas to focus on primary functions.

In the face of these challenges, I stressed the need to minimize the impact on workers while maintaining customer support, and we've been remarkably successful in achieving those goals. In the 2003–05 biennium, WisDOT experienced 300 position cuts. In the 2005–07 biennium, the department initially planned for cuts of up to 365 positions. Governor Doyle's budget restored some of the positions, with WisDOT now facing a reduction of 236 positions over the biennium. Our goal is to protect workers and continue to fill most cuts through attrition and other means.

The bottom line is this: while parts of our department's structure have changed to help us better focus on core functions, our commitment to meet the needs of customers and the needs of our comprehensive transportation system remains very much the same. Also unchanged is our department's valued relationship with the LRSC, and we look forward to continuing our work with the council in a cooperative effort to identify emerging issues and develop thoughtful solutions.

**Frank J. Busalacchi**, Secretary



From left to right: LRSC members are: Dave Botts, Bob Beglinger, Governor Jim Doyle, Dennis Melvin, Don Kush-Chair, Rick Jones, Arlyn Helm, and Dennis Jordan

## Governor Doyle Signs State Budget

Governor Jim Doyle signed the 2005–2007 biennial state budget on July 25, providing a total of \$4.4 billion for transportation investments in Wisconsin. Budget provisions impacting transportation and the local road network include:

### Local aids/grant programs

- 2 percent inflationary increases each year for General Transportation Aids and Transit (increase of \$4,226,700 SEG in FY 06 and \$13,751,300 SEG in FY 07).
- 2 percent increase in each year for entitlement components in the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) (\$453,400 SEG in FY 06 and \$915,900 SEG in 07).
- Provides increases of \$2 million SEG in FY 06 and \$4 million in FY 07 for Elderly and Disabled Transportation Aids.
- Increases funding for Transportation Economic Assistance (TEA) by \$1.2 million in FY 06.
- Increases Lift Bridge Aids to fully fund the program.
- Provides \$3.8 million for FY 05 funding of the Traffic Signing Marking Enhancement Program (TSMEGP).

### Maintenance

- Provides 2 percent inflationary increase for State Highway Maintenance and Operations each fiscal year and \$2.9 million in FY 06 and \$6.4

million in FY 07 for system growth increases. Total funding increases are \$5,790,200 SEG in FY 06 and \$12,257,100 SEG in FY 07.

- Creates a separate appropriation for lift bridge operations, transfers \$1,760,600 SEG in FY 06 and \$1,804,400 SEG in FY 07 from the state highway maintenance appropriation to the new appropriation, and provides additional funding of \$428,000 SEG per year.

### Transportation-related vetoes

- A provision eliminating the Comprehensive Planning Grant program and planning requirements (was vetoed).
- A requirement that DOT conduct a safety improvement study of WIS 58 between the Sauk County/Richland County line and County G and make any necessary safety improvements recommended in the study.
- A \$500,000 LRIP earmark for Eisner Avenue in Sheboygan.
- Enhancement earmarks for streetscaping in the village of Oregon and for construction of a pedestrian railroad crossing and handicapped accessible ramp related to the Ray's Beach revitalization project on Lake Wissota in Chippewa County.
- Construction of an underpass of WIS 69 in the village of New Glarus for the Sugar River Trail as part of the WIS 69 rehabilitation.

A more detailed summary of the state budget can be found on Governor Doyle's Web site at [www.wisgov.state.wi.us/budget.asp](http://www.wisgov.state.wi.us/budget.asp).

## Governor Doyle commends LRSC on 10-year anniversary

During a State Capitol ceremony June 23, Governor Doyle presented LRSC members with a plaque recognizing the Council's "significant contributions to the quality of our transportation system and the strength of our economy."

"For the last decade, the Local Roads and Streets Council (LRSC) has served as a model of state and local governmental cooperation that helps ensure the continued efficient use of public investments in the local transportation system," Governor Doyle said.

Created in June 1995, the 20-member LRSC is comprised of representatives from all levels of local government including the Wisconsin Towns Association, Wisconsin Counties Association, Wisconsin Alliance of Cities, League of Wisconsin Municipalities, planning organizations, and Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) staff. This broad cross-section of transportation stakeholders meet regularly to discuss and make recommendations on issues impacting the local road system. Don Kush, LRSC Chair and a Senior Transportation Planner with the West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission in Eau Claire stated it best, "For over a decade now, the Council has brought together a diverse set of interests with the common goal to enhance our economically-vital local transportation network." The Council is committed to this goal and moves forward to continue this work into the future. ▲

### Visit our Web site!

The council Web site was recently updated and includes membership lists, committee information, meeting schedules, meeting minutes, reports and much more. Please visit the site at <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/localgov/lrsc/index.htm>



## Brighter pavement markings, larger and brighter signs could be in your future!

Late fall local units of government throughout Wisconsin will have the opportunity to apply for state funds under the Traffic Signing and Marking Enhancement Grants Program (TSMEGP). These funds are intended to enhance the visibility of roadway markings and traffic signage on Wisconsin's local road system in an effort to assist older drivers and pedestrians. The \$3.8 million funding of this program for 2005 occurred with the passage of the .08 blood alcohol concentration (BAC) legislation that went into effect in 2003.

The TSMEGP can reimburse local governments up to 75% of eligible project costs at the time of application, with local governments providing a 25% local share. Project sponsors are responsible to complete the project, and are then reimbursed through the TSMEGP. The project applications will be reviewed by a Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) selection committee, comprised of a state-wide, interdisciplinary team of department representatives, carefully reviewing each application for eligibility and the extent to which a project would produce demonstrable benefits. The committee will forward a list of recommended projects to the WisDOT Secretary for approval and the department will announce the approved projects at that time, so stay tuned!

Additional information about this and other WisDOT programs for local governments can be found on our Web site: <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/localgov/index.htm> or if you have any questions, you can contact Michael Erickson, Program Manager at (608)266-0194 or by e-mail at: [michael.erickson@dot.state.wi.us](mailto:michael.erickson@dot.state.wi.us). ▲



*Farnam Street, in the city of La Crosse, was reconstructed with city and Local Roads Improvement Program funds.*

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT: 2006–2007 Local Roads Improvement Program underway

The Local Roads Improvement Program (LRIP), established in 1992, is entering the eighth program cycle with the upcoming solicitation for 2006–2007 project applications. The program management team from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has already begun traveling the state, meeting with county highway commissioners and other program recipients to review the program processes and to discuss new policies being implemented for the 2006–2007 program cycle. Prior to the 2004–2005 program cycle, the program management team worked hard to enhance the program by streamlining forms and creating community-specific Information Packets. WisDOT has continued to work with representatives with the Wisconsin County Highway Association, the Wisconsin Towns Association and the League of Wisconsin Municipalities to implement additional program improvements. These changes are identified in the “What’s New in LRIP” section of the Information Packets.

The 2005–2007 state biennial budget provides an overall increase in LRIP funding for the biennium. The increases are directed at the entitlement side of the program, which received an additional \$1.4 million over 2004–2005 levels. Funding levels for the discretionary components remained at the statewide 2004–2005 total of \$14 million.

Applications for 2006–2007 LRIP funding are due to the county highway commissioners by November 1, 2005. After reviewing the information for eligibility, accuracy and thoroughness, commissioners forward applications to WisDOT no later than January 15, 2006. Application forms have been modified so that communities identify funding requests for FY 2006 or FY 2007. If applicants are going to award a contract prior to June 30, 2006, then they should request FY 2006 funding. March 15, 2006 is the target date for WisDOT to complete their review of these FY 2006 applications and forward the signed project agreements to applicants. If applicants are going to award a project after June 30, 2006, then they should request FY 2007 funding. July 15, 2006 is the target date for WisDOT to complete their review of the FY 2007 applications and forward the signed project agreements to applicants.

Below are some program reminders as you begin to prepare your LRIP applications. Please refer to the LRIP Information Packets for a comprehensive listing of program requirements.

- The project must be a seriously deteriorated roadway or bridge. LRIP cannot fund the construction of new roadways or bridges.
- The project must have a minimum 10-year design life.
- Advertise for bids with a class two notice, which requires an advertisement during two consecutive weeks.

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## 2005 pavement rating year underway

Pavement rating packets were recently mailed to municipalities and counties to remind government officials of the upcoming deadline (December 15, 2005) for compliance with State Statue 86.302(2). The packets included:

### Click the desired WisDOT pavement rating material to download:

#### I. [WisDOT Pavement Rating Help Guide](#)

A guide that addresses some of the common problems and questions encountered during the 2003 pavement rating year, what's new for 2005—including convenient surface and Paser rating tables.

#### II. [2005 Pavement Rating Submittal Options](#)

An order form outlining the submittal format options available and requisites necessary.

#### III. [Pavement Spreadsheet Download](#)

A tri-fold pamphlet with steps on how to download and print your spreadsheet.

#### IV. [Pavement Rating Entry Screen](#)

A tri-fold pamphlet introducing the new WisDOT preferred method of submitting your pavement ratings online.

Contact Crystal Van Woelderren with pavement rating questions at (608) 266-7135 or e-mail to [downloadinfo@dot.state.wi.us](mailto:downloadinfo@dot.state.wi.us).

## PASERWARE and PASER—What's the difference?

In order to address concerns regarding the recent decision made by WisDOT and the UW-TIC to discontinue development of PASERWARE 3.0, WisDOT has been tracking local contacts regarding PASERWARE, and the PASER rating system. Here are answers to two frequently asked questions:

### ➤ *Do you need PASERWARE to submit ratings to WisDOT?*

The answer is NO, you do NOT need to use PASERWARE as a means to record or submit pavement ratings.

PASERWARE is a **pavement management software** that no longer interfaces with WISLR. As a result, future downloads of WISLR data, training and support for PASERWARE will not be possible.

Submit pavement ratings to WisDOT using one of the following options:

- a) the online WEB-WISLR Pavement Rating Entry Screen
- b) the On/At Pavement Rating Spreadsheet—electronic or paper copy.

### Multi-year budget planning tools are being added to WISLR:

WisDOT and the UW-TIC have designed five-year Pavement Budget Planning functionality to be added to WISLR's existing Pavement Analysis Tools in September 2005. The tool will allow users to:

- » Develop a multi-year capital and maintenance improvement plan that incorporates budget constraints and project prioritization.
- » Customize the improvement plan by changing a project's improvement type (e.g. reconstruct, resurfacing, crack seal, sealcoat) as well as the year for action.
- » Assess the impact of the improvement plan on system condition—a condition frequency plot of before and after the plan is available.

### ➤ *Should you continue to use the PASER rating system to rate your roads?*

The answer is YES. You should continue to use the PASER rating system as a means to record pavement ratings.

PASER is the Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating system used by 99% of the municipalities and counties in Wisconsin. It is a uniform way of determining and recording the physical condition of pavement.

To order PASER manuals, contact the UW-TIC at: 1-800-442-4615 or e-mail [paserware@epd.engr.wisc.edu](mailto:paserware@epd.engr.wisc.edu)

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On a closing note, I would like to remind all local road officials of the importance of submitting your PASER road ratings to WisDOT by December 15th of this year. As the WISLR database continues to build upon its road ratings file for this third data collection cycle, the program's analytical capabilities will continue to provide an increasing level of reliability and confidence in WISLR. Your time invested in this data collection process will pay dividends in the development of pavement management strategies leading to increased value in your local road investment decisions today and into the future. Please keep up the good work. ▲

## New WisDOT Executive

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While at DRL, Klein also served as the Legislative Liaison, Communications Director, Small Business Rules Coordinator, and was appointed to the Wisconsin Small Business Regulatory Review Board. He has five years of government relations experience working at the firm of former Governor Martin Schreiber, where he focused on city and county government issues. Klein has also worked for U.S. Senator Herb Kohl, U.S. Representative Jerry Kleczka and Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist. He received a B.A. in Criminology from Marquette University in 1995. ▲

## WisDOT program contacts

With changes at WisDOT and on-going turnover at the local level, it makes sense to periodically update key contact information on the various local road, bridge and multi-modal programs available to local governments. Below is a listing of the program managers for each of the programs administered by the WisDOT Local Transportation Programs and Finance Section. As a reminder, WisDOT provides additional information on the programs listed below at the “Programs for Local Government” Web site. Please visit this Internet site at <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/localgov/index.htm> or click on the links below for individual program information.

### General Transportation Aids (GTA) Program

<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/localgov/highways/gta.htm>

Primary Contact: Scott Bush, 608-266-0254, [scott.bush@dot.state.wi.us](mailto:scott.bush@dot.state.wi.us)

Backup: Maria Cole, 608-264-7336, [maria.cole@dot.state.wi.us](mailto:maria.cole@dot.state.wi.us)

### Connecting Highway Aids (CHA) Program

<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/localgov/highways/connecting.htm>

Primary Contact: Scott Bush, 608-266-0254, [scott.bush@dot.state.wi.us](mailto:scott.bush@dot.state.wi.us)

Backup: Maria Cole, 608-264-7336, [maria.cole@dot.state.wi.us](mailto:maria.cole@dot.state.wi.us)

### Expressway Policing Aids (EPA) Program

<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/localgov/highways/expressway.htm>

Primary Contact: Scott Bush, 608-266-0254, [scott.bush@dot.state.wi.us](mailto:scott.bush@dot.state.wi.us)

Backup: Maria Cole, 608-264-7336, [maria.cole@dot.state.wi.us](mailto:maria.cole@dot.state.wi.us)

### Local Roads Improvement (LRIP) Program

<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/localgov/highways/lrip.htm>

Primary Contact for communities within WisDOT (former Districts 3, 4, 7, 8)

Maria Cole, 608-264-7336, [maria.cole@dot.state.wi.us](mailto:maria.cole@dot.state.wi.us)

Primary Contact for communities within WisDOT (former Districts 1, 2, 5, 6)

Janice Watzke, 608-266-9497, [janice.watzke@dot.state.wi.us](mailto:janice.watzke@dot.state.wi.us)

### Flood Damage Aids (FDA) Program

<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/localgov/highways/flood.htm>

Contact: Janice Watzke, 608-266-9497, [janice.watzke@dot.state.wi.us](mailto:janice.watzke@dot.state.wi.us)

### County Forest Road Aids (CFRA) Program

<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/localgov/highways/forest.htm>

Contact: Emily Jorenby, 608-266-2574, [emily.jorenby@dot.state.wi.us](mailto:emily.jorenby@dot.state.wi.us)

### Lift Bridge Aids (LBA) Program

<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/localgov/highways/liftbridge.htm>

Contact: Emily Jorenby, 608-266-2574, [emily.jorenby@dot.state.wi.us](mailto:emily.jorenby@dot.state.wi.us)

### Surface Transportation Urban (STP-Urban) Program

<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/localgov/highways/stp-urban.htm>

Contact: Franco Marcos, 608-266-1535, [franklin.marcos@dot.state.wi.us](mailto:franklin.marcos@dot.state.wi.us)

### Surface Transportation Rural (STP-Rural) Program

<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/localgov/highways/stp-rural.htm>

Contact: Franco Marcos, 608-266-1535, [franklin.marcos@dot.state.wi.us](mailto:franklin.marcos@dot.state.wi.us)

### Local Bridge Improvement Program

<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/localgov/highways/bridgeprogram.htm>

Contact: Franco Marcos, 608-266-1535, [franklin.marcos@dot.state.wi.us](mailto:franklin.marcos@dot.state.wi.us)

### Local Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program

<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/localgov/aid/te.htm>

Contact: John Duffe, 608-264-8723, [john.duffe@dot.state.wi.us](mailto:john.duffe@dot.state.wi.us)

### Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program

<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/localgov/aid/cmaq.htm>

Contact: John Duffe, 608-264-8723, [john.duffe@dot.state.wi.us](mailto:john.duffe@dot.state.wi.us)

### Surface Transportation Discretionary (STP-D) Program

<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/localgov/aid/stp-discretionary.htm>

Contact: John Duffe, 608-264-8723, [john.duffe@dot.state.wi.us](mailto:john.duffe@dot.state.wi.us)

### Traffic Signing and Marking Enhancement Grants (TSMEGP) Program

<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/localgov/highways/signing.htm>

Contact: Michael Erickson, 608-266-0194, [michael.erickson@dot.state.wi.us](mailto:michael.erickson@dot.state.wi.us)

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## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

- The project must be included in your improvement plan. The improvement plans must be a two-year minimum for towns and a five-year minimum for counties, cities and villages.
- The project must be let to competitive bid.
- Programming caps determine the number of TRIP and MSIPLT projects from each county. The cap is one-half of the number of eligible municipalities within the county.
- The project location must be identified on the application using “On/At” terminology. An On/At manual is provided on the LRIP homepage to assist applicants.
- A project location map must be submitted with each application. The map should be at an appropriate scale to easily identify the location of the project.
- LRIP projects must meet minimum roadway standards or you must obtain an Exceptions to Standards (ideally during the design phase).
- LRIP is a reimbursement program; therefore the contractor must be fully paid before submitting a reimbursement request to the county highway commissioner.

The LRIP Information Packets and application forms are located on the LRIP homepage located at: <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/localgov/highways/lrip.htm>. If you have additional program questions, please contact your county highway commissioner. ▲





## Calendar of events

Below are meetings and training events related to the local road network in Wisconsin. Please submit events for inclusion in future LRSC newsletters to [lrsc@dot.state.wi.us](mailto:lrsc@dot.state.wi.us)

**Local Roads and Streets Council meetings** are held through out the year in the city council chambers in Wisconsin Rapids beginning at 9 a.m. The 2005 schedule includes meetings on September 22 and December 1. Interested people are invited to attend council meetings. Various LRSC Committee meetings are also typically held four times a year in locations around the state. Please contact WisDOT's Kathryn Andren at [kathryn.andren@dot.state.wi.us](mailto:kathryn.andren@dot.state.wi.us) or call (608)267-0448 to confirm meeting dates and times.

**Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) Annual Conference and Exhibition** The 2005 WCA Annual Conference will be held at the Midwest Airlines Center, Milwaukee, Wisconsin on September 19–20. The Hilton Milwaukee City Center will be the main hotel for this event. For more information or to register online go to: [www.wicounties.org](http://www.wicounties.org).

**League of Wisconsin Municipalities (LWM) 2005 Annual Conference and Engineering & Public Works Institute** The 2005 LWM Annual Conference will be held at the Regency Suites in Green Bay, Wisconsin on October 26–28. The Green Bay Regency Suites will be the main hotel for this event. For more info or to register on-line go to: [www.lwm-info.org](http://www.lwm-info.org). Program information will be posted approximately six weeks before the event.

**Winter Road Maintenance** Prepare for winter operations. This workshop covers the effective use of salt and sand, anti-icing and pre-wetting, winter operations planning, plowing operations, and equipment ideas. It's a great opportunity to learn what's new in snow and ice chemicals, equipment and technology and share experience and tips for better winter operations. This course will be offered in the following locations throughout the state:

- Oct. 25 De Pere
- Oct. 26 Menomonee Falls
- Oct. 27 Barneveld
- Oct. 31 Rhinelander
- Nov. 1 Cable
- Nov. 2 Eau Claire
- Nov. 3 Tomah

For more information please contact the University of Wisconsin–Transportation Information Center at (800) 462-0876 or go to their Web site at <http://ltic.engr.wisc.edu/enroll.html>.

**Snow Plow Rodeo** The APWA Snow Plow Rodeo is a friendly competition that tests crews on a plowing challenge course at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. The 2005 Rodeo it will be on Wednesday, September 21. To register please contact: T. J. Sorensen, Motor Services, City of Green Bay, (920) 492-3751.

## Wisconsin Transportation Information Center (UW–TIC)

**Calendar** Local government officials can request a scholarship for the following Engineering Professional Development courses. Descriptions are available at <http://lepd.engr.wisc.edu> or call 800-462-0876. All courses are held in Madison.

### September 2005

Sept. 29–30 Managing Snow and Ice Control Operations.

### October 2005

Oct. 17–18 Storm Water Detention

Oct. 19–20 Storm Sewer System Design

### On-site Workshops

UW–TIC can bring these basic programs to your shop or office. Save time and travel costs. Schedule training for your convenience and ask the instructors to adapt the content to your specific needs. On-site workshops let you train more people for the same or less cost—including staff from other municipal departments, from nearby communities, and from businesses you contract with. Contact the UW–TIC early to ensure you get the program you need on the date you want. Examples of some course offerings:

Basic Work Zone Traffic Control

Flagger Training

Basic Surveying for Local Highway Departments

## Questions

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